DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

INDIANAPOLIS

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO:

Gary Development Company, Inc. RCRA File

IND 077005916, Gary, Lake County

FROM:

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Compliance Monitoring Section

SUBJECT:

Trip Report for the Scheduled Inspection of

April 28, 1988

DATE: June 3, 1988

THRU: David W. Berrey

US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5

On April 28, 1988, I attempted to conduct a scheduled inspection at Gary Development Company, Inc., located at 479 North Cline Avenue, Gary, Indiana. The owner of this facility, Mr. Lawrence Hagan was not present at the site. According to the gate operator, Mr. Hagan would not be available until later that day.

Preinspection File Audit

I previously inspected this facility on August 27, 1987, with Mr. Jonathan Cooper of U.S. EPA, Region V. During this 1987 inspection, Mr. Hagan informed us that he did not operate a RCRA facility and he had no desire to operate in that manner. We found Gary Development Company, Inc., operating in apparent disregard for all applicable RCRA and State hazardous waste regulations. Following this 1987 inspection, U.S. EPA filed a formal complaint against Gary Development Company, Inc. (VL-2-86-R45). On September 9, 1987, in Gary, Indiana, I testified before a federal hearing officer regarding my inspections at the Gary Development Company, Inc. As of the date of this memo, there has been no decision regarding this case.

Inspection Findings

While I was at the Gary Development site on April 28, 1988, I took several photographs of the landfill. A few days later I was able to reach Mr. Hagan by telephone. Mr. Hagan again informed me that he had not attempted to meet any applicable RCRA or State hazardous waste regulations.

Conclusions and Recommendations

The Gary Development Company, Inc., facility apparently will not voluntarily comply with what is essentially a closure plan submittal. I will provide Mr. Cooper of U.S. EPA with a copy of this most current Trip Report and wait for a determination from the federal hearing officer.

TFW/drc

cc: Mr. Jonathan Cooper, U.S. EPA, Region V

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